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DEVICE FOR SECURING THE IMPLANT

TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$410.00 is attached to this petition. If any additional fees are necessary to respond to the outstanding Office Action, you are hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard. A duplicate of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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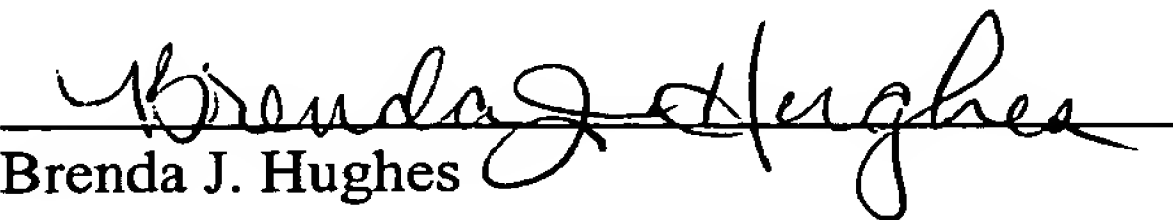
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